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	Number 1990	Percent	Number 2000	Percent	Number Change 1990 - 2000	Percent
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT						
POPULATION 3 YEARS AND OVER						
ENROLLED IN SCHOOL ¹	4,989	100.0	5,762	100.0	773	15.5
Nursery school, preschool	x	x	466	8.1	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	366	6.4	x	x
Elementary school	(included in high school total)		2,441	42.4	x	x
High school (grades 9-12) (1990: grades 1-12)	3,187	63.9	1,332	23.1	x	x
College or graduate school	1,323	26.5	1,157	20.1	-166	-12.5
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT						
POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER						
	14,559	100.0	15,949	100.0	1,390	9.5
Less than 9th grade	1,259	8.6	928	5.8	-331	-26.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,289	15.7	1,994	12.5	-295	-12.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,641	31.9	4,784	30.0	143	3.1
Some college, no degree	2,273	15.6	3,239	20.3	966	42.5
Associate degree	1,122	7.7	1,087	6.8	-35	-3.1
Bachelor's degree	1,831	12.6	2,386	15.0	555	30.3
Graduate or professional degree	1,144	7.9	1,531	9.6	387	33.8
Percent high school graduate or higher	75.6	x	81.7	x	6.1	x
Percent Bachelor's degree or higher	20.4	x	24.6	x	4.2	x
MARITAL STATUS						
POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER						
	17,359	100.0	18,448	100.0	1,089	6.3
Never married	3,918	22.6	4,656	25.2	738	18.8
Now married (not separated)	10,237	59.0	10,178	55.2	-59	-0.6
Separated	409	2.4	342	1.9	-67	-16.4
Widowed	1,644	9.5	1,591	8.6	-53	-3.2
Female	1,340	7.7	1,341	7.3	1	0.1
Divorced	1,151	6.6	1,681	9.1	530	46.0
Female	712	4.1	945	5.1	233	32.7
GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS						
GRANDPARENT LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE OWN GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS ²						
	x	x	268	100.0	x	x
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren	x	x	120	44.8	x	x
VETERAN STATUS						
CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER						
	x	x	17,505	100.0	x	x
Civilian veterans	x	x	2,825	16.1	x	x
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION						
POPULATION 5 TO 20 YEARS						
	x	x	4,818	100.0	x	x
With a disability	x	x	371	7.7	x	x
POPULATION 21 TO 64 YEARS						
	x	x	12,819	100.0	x	x
With a disability	x	x	1,916	14.9	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	62.9	x	x	x
No disability	x	x	10,903	85.1	x	x
Percent employed	x	x	80.5	x	x	x
POPULATION 65 AND OVER						
	3,385	100.0	3,613	100.0	228	6.7
With a disability	1,011	29.9	1,349	37.3	338	33.4
RESIDENCE IN 1995 (1990 CENSUS: 1985)						
POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER						
	20,128	100.0	21,604	100.0	1,476	7.3
Same house	11,002	54.7	12,929	59.8	1,927	17.5
Different house in the U.S.	9,045	44.9	8,555	39.6	-490	-5.4
Same county	4,875	24.2	5,153	23.9	278	5.7
Different county	4,170	20.7	3,402	15.7	-768	-18.4
Same state	242	1.2	520	2.4	278	114.9
Different state	3,928	19.5	2,882	13.3	-1,046	-26.6
Elsewhere (1990: lived abroad)	81	0.4	120	0.6	39	48.1

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NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH						
TOTAL POPULATION	21,605	100.0	22,966	100.0	1,361	6.3
Native	20,422	94.5	21,508	93.7	1,086	5.3
Born in the United States	20,274	93.8	21,403	93.2	1,129	5.6
State of residence	12,513	57.9	13,586	59.2	1,073	8.6
Different state	7,761	35.9	7,817	34.0	56	0.7
Born outside the United States	148	0.7	105	0.5	-43	-29.1
Foreign born	1,183	5.5	1,458	6.3	275	23.2
Entered 1990 to March 2000 *	205	0.9	215	0.9	10	4.9
Naturalized citizen	799	3.7	888	3.9	89	11.1
Not a citizen	384	1.8	570	2.5	186	48.4
REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN						
TOTAL FOREIGN BORN POPULATION (except born at sea)	1,183	100.0	1,458	100.0	275	23.2
Europe	x	x	987	67.7	x	x
Asia	x	x	331	22.7	x	x
Africa	x	x	50	3.4	x	x
Oceania	x	x	0	0.0	x	x
Latin America	x	x	54	3.7	x	x
Northern America	x	x	36	2.5	x	x
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME						
POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER	20,128	100.0	21,604	100.0	1,476	7.3
English only	17,600	87.4	19,022	88.0	1,422	8.1
Language other than English	2,301	11.4	2,582	12.0	281	12.2
Speak English other than "very well"	747	3.7	864	4.0	117	15.7
Spanish	42	0.2	231	1.1	189	450.0
Speak English other than "very well"	22	0.1	85	0.4	63	286.4
Other Indo-European languages	x	x	1,898	8.8	x	x
Speak English other than "very well"	x	x	552	2.6	x	x
Asian and Pacific Island languages	170	0.8	339	1.6	169	99.4
Speak English other than "very well"	101	0.5	207	1.0	106	105.0
ANCESTRY (single or multiple)						
TOTAL POPULATION	21,605	100.0	22,966	100.0	1,361	6.3
<i>Total ancestries reported</i>	<i>28,456</i>	<i>131.7</i>	<i>28,270</i>	<i>123.1</i>	<i>-186</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
Arab	55	0.3	74	0.3	19	34.5
Czech ³	70	0.3	66	0.3	-4	-5.7
Danish	77	0.4	50	0.2	-27	-35.1
Dutch	262	1.2	100	0.4	-162	-61.8
English	3,881	18.0	3,264	14.2	-617	-15.9
French (except Basque) ³	2,291	10.6	2,196	9.6	-95	-4.1
French Canadian ³	645	3.0	794	3.5	149	23.1
German	2,141	9.9	2,057	9.0	-84	-3.9
Greek	141	0.7	249	1.1	108	76.6
Hungarian	81	0.4	40	0.2	-41	-50.6
Irish ³	4,186	19.4	4,101	17.9	-85	-2.0
Italian	8,342	38.6	7,863	34.2	-479	-5.7
Lithuanian	119	0.6	105	0.5	-14	-11.8
Norwegian	110	0.5	131	0.6	21	19.1
Polish	1,068	4.9	1,056	4.6	-12	-1.1
Portuguese	770	3.6	856	3.7	86	11.2
Russian	231	1.1	203	0.9	-28	-12.1
Scotch-Irish	504	2.3	315	1.4	-189	-37.5
Scottish	856	4.0	1,037	4.5	181	21.1
Slovak	56	0.3	16	0.1	-40	-71.4
Subsaharan African	0	0.0	79	0.3	79	x
Swedish	415	1.9	387	1.7	-28	-6.7
Swiss	13	0.1	41	0.2	28	215.4
Ukrainian	27	0.1	74	0.3	47	174.1
United States or American	411	1.9	833	3.6	422	102.7
Welsh	98	0.5	76	0.3	-22	-22.4
West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups)	0	0.0	44	0.2	44	x
Other ancestries	1,606	7.4	2,163	9.4	557	34.7

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FOOTNOTES

x Data not available or not applicable.

* 1990 census: entered 1980 to 1990.

¹ In 1990, persons who were enrolled and reported completing nursery school or less were classified as enrolled in "preprimary school", which includes kindergarten. Elementary school and High school combined into one data field in 1990.

² Question relating to "grandparents as caregivers" not asked in 1990 census.

³ The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.